

## RUSSIAN TRADE BACKED BY U. S.

Removal of Restrictions Suggested to Allies to Clear Away Fog.

### "RED" ACTION BLAMED

Reports Indicate Commodities for Exchange and Money Are Scarce.

The removal of all restrictions in so far as trading with Russia is concerned has been suggested by this government as a solution of the Russian problem, it was learned yesterday.

The proposal has been transmitted to the allies and so far no answer has been received. It is understood that it is the position of this government that its proposal is the only one which can clear away the fog that now surrounds the Russian position. Under the program there would be no need of getting licenses or any sort of governmental permission, but the transactions would be entirely at the risk of the persons involved.

American officials have believed for some time that the trading with Russia idea has been largely misunderstood and that a part of the demand for such action has been inspired by Bolshevist propaganda. Reports which have reached this government indicate very strongly that Russia has no commodities to sell in anything like the quantities that have been estimated, and that there is also a great deficiency in gold or platinum with which the Russians could purchase supplies in this country.

In any event, it is believed that there could be little benefit to American capital as the present exchange situation would force Russia to go into the best market that she could find and that the Soviet government on this account would almost certainly restrict its purchases to Great Britain and France, where the purchasing power of its gold would be greater than in the United States.

Reports that this government was about to consider the making of sales of locomotives and other supplies to the Soviet representatives in that country were denied yesterday. (Public Ledger Service.)

#### Convicted of Auto Theft.

Elias M. Nesbitt, colored, indicted for grand larceny in connection with the theft of an automobile belonging to Samuel H. Mumford, 1223 Vermont avenue, north-west, last April, was convicted by a jury in Criminal Court yesterday. Nesbitt, who was tried before Justice Stafford, was released on bond pending appeal by his counsel, William E. Leahy.

## "SKIN THE CAT"

But If You Won't Exercise Vigorously You Must Take "Cascarets."

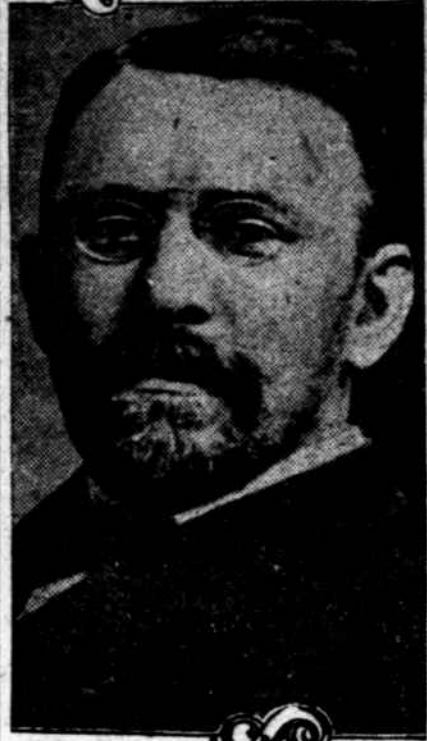
There is nothing like bending exercises, taking long walks, or chopping wood to keep the liver and bowels active, but most folks take their exercise in an easy chair. Such folks need Cascarets, else they suffer from sick headache, sour, acid stomach, indigestion, colds and are miserable. But don't stay bilious or constipated. Feel splendid always by taking Cascarets occasionally. They act without griping or inconvenience. They never sicken you like Calomel, Salts, Oil, or nasty, harsh Pills. They cost so little too—Cascarets work while you sleep—Adv.

## BERMUDA

March and April are months of rarest charm in Bermuda. Flowers are most profuse—the sunshine more brilliant—skies more blue, and land and water sports attract with a new charm. The Annual Tennis Tournament is a feature in March.

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## Will Represent U. S. In Mexico as Envoy



HENRY MORGENTHAU, Jr.  
Whose appointment as American Ambassador to Mexico probably will be announced today by President Wilson.

## 52 PLEDGE AID TO VAN SCHAICK

New 'Better Schools' Group Forms With A. C. Moses Head.

A shower of verbal bouquets for Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., and the School Board and a hail of verbal brickbats directed against the Federation of Citizens' Associations and the Senate investigating committee precluded the formation of the Association for Improved Schools at a mass meeting of fifty-two parents and teachers last night at the home of Mrs. Henry Calver, 1721 P street. The fifty-two applauded when the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith said: "We must combine to counteract the evil and pernicious work of the citizens' associations in the school controversy." They also applauded when he described Dr. Van Schaick as "being a Christian gentleman who only fails, if at all, in being so straight and righteous that he bends over backward."

Rank Injustice Charged.  
H. Stidham referred to the "rank injustice" and "malignity" of the campaign directed by "the professionals of the District Citizens' Associations."

Arthur C. Moses was selected chairman of the new organization. "I am neither for nor against Thurston," Moses stated in accepting. "But if the investigation shows he is right I will fight for him. If wrong, I will fight him."

Applause greeted his statement. "I do not think the school board is properly appreciated. I think that as it is now constituted it is the best body the District ever had."

Talks were also made by Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, Thomas J. Donovan, Paul E. Lesh and Miss Alice Deal. Among those present at the meeting was Mrs. Miles E. Poindexter, wife of Senator Poindexter, Presidential candidate.

Dr. Van Schaick was not at the meeting. Questioned last night, he stated, "I do not think I was invited, although a stranger this afternoon at the Capitol asked me if I would be there."

Superintendent Ernest E. Thurston said last night, "I do not care to discuss the matter." Asked about his attitude on the proposed investigation, he added, "I should think there were investigations enough."

Council Indorses Thurston.  
At a recent meeting of the Star-Spangled Banner Council, No. 8, Jr. O. H. A. M., Ernest L. Thurston was indorsed as superintendent of public schools.

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Drug Stores Sell It  
Five million people use it to KILL COLDS

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Standard cold remedy for 20 years  
tablet form—safe, sure, no  
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Money back if it fails.  
The genuine box has a Red  
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picture.  
At All Drug Stores

## FINAL TRAFFIC HEARING TODAY

House Subcommittee to End Discussion of Zihlman Measure.

Hearings on the Zihlman traffic bill for the District before a subcommittee of the House District Committee probably will be brought to a close today, it was announced yesterday by Representative Zihlman, of Maryland, chairman of the subcommittee.

Representative Linthicum, of Maryland, will testify in regard to difficulty in parking private cars near Union Station.

Edmund Brady, attorney for the

## Terminal Taxicab Company, also will testify. Chauffeurs have asked to be heard.

Chairman Zihlman yesterday received a letter from A. G. Batchelder, executive chairman of the American Automobile Association, calling attention to a scheme of rates for licensing motor vehicles in the District, which has the approval of his organization. The letter states that the present scale is illogical and unreasonable.

The association suggests 25 cents per horsepower and 25 cents per 100 pounds of vehicle and load for pneumatic tired cars, 25 cents per horsepower and 35 cents per 100 pounds for solid tired machines, and 25 cents per horsepower with 50 cents per 100 pounds for vehicles equipped with iron, steel or other hard tires.

Tire Decisions Upheld.

The Supreme Court yesterday allowed decisions of lower courts to stand holding the Firestone and Goodrich Tire companies had violated patents of Louis De F. Munger in the manufacture of demountable rim tires.

There is real perfume in "Pompeian Fragrance."

"Pompeian Fragrance" is a perfumed message from the flowery fields of May. When first this enchanting fragrance greets you just close your eyes. Swiftly you are swept away to a magical land of flowering meadows and shady trees.

The real perfume in "Pompeian Fragrance" is the purest and highest grade, and soothing to the skin of any baby.

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## D. C. SUFFRAGE GAINS MOMENTUM

So promptly and enthusiastically have the people of the District responded to the call of the National Press Committee for District of Columbia Suffrage in sending in applications for membership that it has been found necessary to employ a force of sixteen people to handle the correspondence.

At the headquarters, 1406 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, these employees are kept busy constantly. Detailed statements of the work of the committee and a financial statement of receipts and expenditures have been presented to the advisory council of the committee, W. B. Westlake, executive director, and approved.

Fuel Administration Reopens.

Offices of the Fuel Administration have been reopened in the building at Twentieth street and Virginia avenue northwest, for the liquidation and paying of outstanding claims.

These prices do not include the stamp tax. Mail orders include tax and parcel post fees.

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## SUB CHASERS WILL BE SOLD BY NAVY

Want to buy a submarine chaser? The Navy Department is now ready to dispose of 150 of these small but sturdy sea-going boats which were built for war work during 1917-18. The boats are all built on identical plans, being 110 feet long, 15 feet beam, 8 feet draft, and have a normal displacement of 77 tons.

They are equipped with 225 horsepower gasoline engines, and under normal conditions will do seventeen knots. These engines, it was stated by the Navy Department, consume heavily of gasoline, but they can easily be removed and engines burning heavier and cheaper fuel oil substituted.

The cost of each chaser was \$67,000 complete, but anyone who wants one has but to make an offer and the Navy Department will consider it. The hulls cost \$45,000 and the power plant \$22,000.

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